



A Proclamation to denounce
Jesuites traitours.



The Queenes most excellent Maiestie hauing heretofore bene giuen to vnderstande, that certaine Societies and Conuenticles, some vnder the names of Seminaries, and some of Iesuites, haue bene of late yeres erected by the Bishop of Rome, as well in the Citie of Rome, as in the Dominions of other Princes, namely and especially for the naturall boine Subiects of her Maiesties Kingdomes & dominions, with intent and purpose to traine them vp in false and erronious doctrine, by meanes whereof diuers of her Maiesties naturall Subiectes haue not onely bene peruerced in matters of Religion, but also taught, drawen and perswaded from the acknowledgement of their naturall dueties & alleageance vnto her Maiestie as their naturall Prince and onely Soueraigne, and by speciall direction from the Pope & his Delegates haue bene made instruments in sundry wicked trayterous practises, tending not onely to the mouing and stirring vp of Rebellion within their naturall Countreyes (which through the goodnesse of Almighty God, and her Maiesties prouident gouernement hath alwayes bene foreseene and preuented) but also to the endangering of her Maiesties most Royall person: Her Highnesse hereupon foreseeing the great mischiefs that might ensue by such traitorous and wicked instruments, did therefore by her Proclamation bearing date at her Maiesties Pallace at Westminster the tenth day of January, in the thre and twentiyth yere of her most prosperous Reigne notifie vnto her Subiects, that if any of them, or any other within her Highnesse Dominions, after the publishing of that Proclamation shoulde receiue, mainteyne, succour or relieue any Iesuite, Seminarie men, massing Priestes, or other like persons aforesayde, which shoulde come, or shoulde be sent into this Realme, or to any other her Dominions, or shoulde not discouer the receiuing or harboing of the same persons, or any such vagarant counterfeit persons, as might iustly by their behauiour be suspected to be of such qualitie and cuill condition, as also (in case they shoulde remayne with them at the tyme of the sayd Proclamation or afterwards) shoulde not bring them before y next Justice, or before some other publique Officer, to the end they might be in like sort committed, and forthcomming to be examined, and to receiue such punishment as by her Highnes should be thought meete according to their desertes: That then they shoulde be reputed as maintayners and Abbetors of such rebellious and sedicious persons, and receiue for the same their contempt, such seuerre punishment, as by the lawes of the Realme, and her Maiesties Princely authoritie might be inflicted vpon them.

Whence which time, some ensample hauing bene made for the condigne punishment of such as haue contemptuously broken her Highnesse expresse commandement in that behalfe giuen by the said proclamation, & some of the sayd trayterous persons, as namely Edmond Campion Iesuite, Raulphe Sherwine, & Iohn Bryant, Seminarie priestes, hauing disguisedly & very secretly wandered in the Realme, & at length apprehended, and so thereupon iustly, lawfully, publikely, and orderly indicted, arraigned, condemned, and executed for diuers treasons, and some others their Complices hauing bene likewise iustly and lawfully condemned for the like crimes: Her Maiestie finding, what through the malice and obstinacie of some, and the wilfull ignorance of many others, that neyther the sayd proclamation, nor the sayd ensamples haue wrought such effect of reformation, as vpon good hope conceyued of this her forewarning, her Highnesse hath expected and desired: and perceyuing withal, that some trayterously affected, haue of late by letters, libelles, pamphlets and bookes both written and printed, falsely, sediciously and trayterously giuen out, that the said most horrible traytors were without iust cause condemned and executed, hath therfore thought good to make know-

en vnto her good and faythfull subiects, and generally to all other within her dominions, whereby they may not be abused nor enueigled by these and such like most wicked, false and dangerous traytors and Seducts, that it hath manifestly and playnely appeared vnto her Highnesse and her counsell, aswel by many examinations, as by sundry of their owne letters, and confessions, besides the late manifest attemptes of the like companions directed by the Pope out of the number of the sayde Seminaries and Iesuites broken out to actuall rebellion in Ireland, that the very ende and purpose of these Iesuites, Seminary men, and such like priests sent or to be sent ouer into this Realme and other her Maiesties dominions from the parts beyond the seas, is not onely to prepare sundry her Maiesties subiects inclinable to disloyaltie, to be apt to giue ayde to forreigne inuasion and to stirre by rebellion within the same: but also (that most perillous is) to depriue her Maiesty (vnder whom, and by whose prouident gouernment with Gods assistance, these Realmes haue bene so long and so happily kept and continued in great plenty, peace, and securitie) of her lyfe, crowne, and dignitie.

And seeing the great mischiefes that otherwise may ensue vnto the whole estate of her Maiesties Realme and Countreys, if these attempts be not more seuerely looked vnto & punished, and to the intent none shoulde after the publication hereof excuse themselves by pretence of any ignorance: Her Maiesty doeth therefore hereby signifie vnto all her louing Subiectes, and to all other within her Dominions, that all the saide Iesuites, Seminarie men and Priests aforesaide comming into these her Dominions in such secret maner, be, and so of al her Subiects for the respects aforesaid, ought to be, holden, esteemed and taken for Traytors to her Maiesty, her Crowne and Realme: And that al such as after the publishing of this proclamation shal wittingly and willingly receiue, harbour, aide, comfort, relieue and mainteine any such Iesuite, Seminarie man, or Priest, as is aforesaide, shalbe, and ought to be dealt with, vsed, and proceeded on, as willing and witting aiders, comforters, relieuers and maintainers of Traytors committing high treason to her Maiesties Person: And that euery such person, as shall haue any such Iesuite, Seminarie man, or Priest, in his or her house, or companie, at the tyme of the publication hereof, or after, knowing him to bee such, and shall not forthwith do his or her best endeuour to bring him, or cause him to be brought before the next Justice of the peace, or some other publique Officer to be committed to prison, whereby hee may be forthcomming to answer his offence, according to her Highnesse lawes: That then euery such person shalbe deemed, taken and dealt with as a maintainer and ayder of traytours as aforesaid, and that euery person wittingly concealing any such Iesuite, Seminarie man, or Priest, or any their practises aforesaide, shalbe deemed and taken to be in case of misprision of Treason.

And moreover her Highnesse pleasure and expresse commandement is, that none of her Subiects nor any other vnder her obissance, shall suffer their children or any other being vnder charge or gouernement, except lawful marchants, & such as without couin shalbe Agents, or factours for lawful marchants in their trades of marchandize beyond the Seas, & mariners for their voyages, to departe out of this Realme without her Highnesse especiall licence first had and obteyned, vpon paine of her Highnesse displeasure, and such further punishment, as may be imposed on the offenders in that behalfe for such their contempt and offence. And that aswel al such of her Maiesties subiects, as bee at this present of the sayde Seminaries and Societies erected beyond the seas, as aforesayd, and shal not returne within one quarter of a yeere after this proclamation made, as all other which after the publication hereof shall passe ouer the seas and bee of any the Seminaries or Societies erected as aforesayd, shalbe ipso facto taken, reputed, & esteemed to bee Traytors to her Highnes Person, her Crowne and Realme: And that all maintainers, ayders, relieuers and comforters of such persons shalbe esteemed, taken & dealt with as maintainers, ayders, relieuers and comforters of such Traytors. Given at our Mannour of Greenwich the first day of Aprill, in the xxiii. yere of our reigne.

God saue the Queene.

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